

What's On in Madeira and Porto Santo This Summer



Images (left to right): Classics at Magnolia ©Andre Ferreira, Columbus Festival ©Nuno Andrade and Madeira Wine Festival ©Francisco Correia.

01 June 2026. Beyond its year-round sunshine and dramatic landscapes, Madeira is home to a diverse calendar of events celebrating the culture, traditions and flavours of the archipelago. Here, Visit Madeira highlights five events taking place across Madeira and Porto Santo between June and September.

Atlantic Festival

When: June 5 to 28

Now celebrating its 20th edition, Madeira's Atlantic Festival returns throughout June, marking the start of the island's summer events programme. Best known for its international fireworks competition, the festival sees the skies above Funchal illuminated every Saturday evening by displays choreographed to music. Alongside the fireworks, visitors can enjoy a programme of concerts, street performances, multimedia shows and open-air cultural events taking place across the island.

<https://visitmadeira.com/en/whats-on/events/atlantic-festival/>

Madeira Gastronomic Festival - SAL

When: July 10 to 19

The Madeira Gastronomic Festival - SAL (*Sabores do Atlântico*) showcases the rich culinary traditions of the archipelago through a programme of food-focused events centred around eight of Madeira's characteristic products: couscous, *chícharo* (peas), shellfish, fish, convent sweets, fruit, tubers and bread. Taking place at Funchal's Praça do Povo against a lively seaside backdrop, the festival combines gastronomy, music and local traditions, celebrating the ingredients and flavours that define Madeira's food culture.

<https://eventsmadeira.com/en/event/madeira-gastronomic-festival-sal/>

Classics at Magnolia

When: July 25 and 26

Classics at Magnolia brings together a collection of classic and vintage vehicles, some more than 100 years old, in the picturesque setting of Quinta Magnólia. The event celebrates Madeira's automotive heritage, offering visitors a glimpse into the history, design and craftsmanship of these historic vehicles. Period-inspired displays and entertainment add to the nostalgic atmosphere, making it a popular event for motoring enthusiasts and those interested in automotive history.

<https://visitmadeira.com/en/whats-on/events/classics-at-magnolia/>

Madeira Wine Festival

When: August 23 to September 13

Held during the grape harvest season, the Madeira Wine Festival celebrates one of the island's most iconic and internationally acclaimed products: Madeira wine. Taking place across Funchal, including the Madeira Wine Lounge at Praça do Povo, as well as in vineyards and wine-producing regions across the island, the festival features traditional grape harvesting, wine tastings and folklore performances, celebrating more than 400 years of winemaking heritage.

<https://visitmadeira.com/en/whats-on/events/wine-festival/>

Columbus Festival

When: September 17 to 20

Renowned for its golden sands and tranquil beauty, Porto Santo, Madeira's smaller sister island, hosts the Columbus Festival, celebrating Christopher Columbus' connection to the island and its role in the Age of Discovery. For four days, Vila Baleira is transformed into a living stage of the 15th century, with locals in period costume filling the streets with theatre, acrobatics, live music and colourful processions, while a recreated historical market invites visitors to experience the atmosphere of another era. The festival is one of the archipelago's most distinctive cultural celebrations.

<https://visitmadeira.com/en/whats-on/events/columbus-festival/>

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- Madeira. Belongs to all is the consumer-facing brand of the [Madeira Promotion Bureau](#), which aims to promote Madeira as a tourist destination to consumers and the travel trade.
- Madeira, otherwise known as 'the islands of eternal spring', is just a short, three-and-a-half-hour flight from London. It covers 740km² and has a population of only 260,000. On the same latitude as Morocco, the Atlantic archipelago has a sub-tropical climate, a rich volcanic soil and a unique ecosystem. It is one of the only places in the planet where banana trees grow next to vineyards.
- Located approximately 1,000km from the European mainland - and just 500km from the African continent - Madeira enjoys an amazingly mild climate, ranging from 25°C in the summer to 17°C in the winter, with very mild average temperatures and moderate humidity.
- In 1999, Madeira's indigenous forest, the Laurissilva, was declared a UNESCO Natural World Heritage Site. The Madeira Natural Park is a protected area that covers around two-thirds of Madeira Island's territory, equivalent to 67% of its surface.



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